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A New Chapter Begins

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DEDICATED TO SERVICE,
UNITED IN COMMUNITY





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AN EXCERPT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

LET ME BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE TO EACH of you gathered here today. Your efforts humble me, as does your devotion to La Salle. While today you do welcome a new President, more importantly, you honor a fine school with a remarkable history. ...

I have often reflected on what it is that distinguishes La Salle University from the long list of others around us. There is a helpful quote from the great American orator and Civil War veteran Robert Ingersoll: "We rise by lifting others."

And, in thinking more about La Salle, my mind turned to the recent historic visit of Pope Francis to our city and his call to each of us to strive for justice by celebrating the dignity of the human person and the advancement of the common good.

This has been La Salle's focus for over 150 years. The Brothers of the Christian Schools knew, in 1863, as they know now that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link and for us to build authentic community, it can only be done by elevating everyone. Since the beginning, this elevation has been achieved through a mission focus on faith, community, and service.

And it is those Lasallian ties—faith, community, and service—that bind us together and that distinguish us from all others. But in the years ahead, we must get even more serious about this. ... We are living in a world that will continue to test the role of the university. As a community, we must redouble our efforts to ensure that our students, regardless of their disciplinary fields, receive a rich and powerful liberal education.

To do that, we must define the unique and specific characteristics of a La Salle graduate and then ensure that those outcomes are mapped to what goes on at La Salle from the first day to the last day of a student's time on our campus. Whether she is studying economics or he is studying nursing, each of our students must leave La Salle with specific competencies that will allow them to achieve

personal and professional success and that, even more importantly, will ensure their cultivation as well-formed, contributing citizens. ...

What I have found (during my time here) is a campus community that is fiercely proud and loyal, whose members often set aside their own interests in support of the greater mission and noble vocation of forming young people for lives of impact. ...

Together, we will build the vision for this University. It will be a vision of faith, of hope, of commitment to the future and with service to our students and community at its very heart, and it will belong to all of us. ... Twenty-two years ago, Brother Joseph Burke, sitting behind me here today, was inaugurated. At his celebration, he drew on the thoughts and words of St. John Baptist de La Salle who, when faced with times of trouble, was often known to pray, "Lord, this work is yours." It is a prayer that we make to this day here in our Chapel, in response to our intercessions at Mass.

But St. John Baptist de La Salle took that one step further, looking to his assembly of teaching Brothers as he said, "This work is ours." As Brother Joseph reminded us 22 years ago, and as I am sure Brother Michael confirmed during his 15 years as President of La Salle—this work, this splendid University, is ours.

Today, I have answered your call to service with an enthusiastic "yes!" Thank you for your confidence in my ability to lead this work, and thank you for your continued prayers for La Salle.

God bless you and never stop exploring.

Inaugurated as the 29th President of La Salle University on Oct. 9, 2015, Colleen M. Hanycz, Ph.D., delivered the words above as part of a moving Inaugural Address that elicited a standing ovation from the audience. To watch a video of her address, visit lasalle.edu/inauguraladdress.

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Days before this issue went to print, the La Salle community suffered a great loss, with the passing of La Salle President Emeritus and Art Museum Founder Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., on Nov. 14.

The next issue of *La Salle Magazine* will include a tribute to Br. Daniel and his transformative legacy at La Salle.



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A New Chapter Begins

BY REBEKAH HENSON AND
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INSPIRED BY FAITH, DEDICATED TO SERVICE,

THE DAY PRESIDENT COLLEEN M. Hanycz, Ph.D., settled into her office in the Peale House this July, a new chapter began in La Salle University's storied 152-year history. And it's already proving to be a page-turner.

On Oct. 9, La Salle held its first Presidential Inauguration in the 21st century, officially installing Hanycz as the 29th President, the first laywoman to lead the institution since its founding by the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 1863.

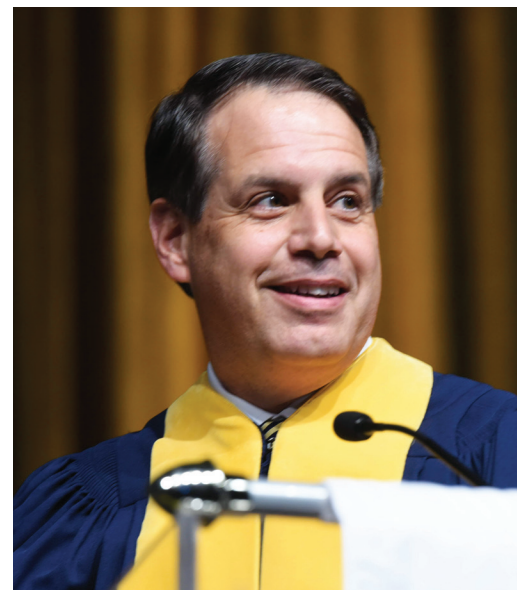
While the face of the University has changed, its story still champions the same core tenets. And Hanycz provides a new voice to tell that story—with a contagious energy that has reinvigorated the University's dedication to faith, service, and community.

"Each day that I spend on campus only reaffirms how proud I am to call myself a Lasallian," Hanycz said.

Her Inauguration theme illustrates that pride and the continuation of that legacy beautifully: Inspired by Faith. Dedicated to Service. United in Community. These principles are the glue that binds La Salle's rich history with Hanycz's bright vision for its future.

"(President Hanycz) is exactly the leader our University needs to guide La Salle," said Steve Zarrilli, '83, Chair of La Salle University's Board of Trustees. "She is dedicated to our Catholic and Lasallian mission and continues to approach her service to our University in a Lasallian way, with a focus on uplifting the community—both on campus and beyond."

In the weeks surrounding her Inauguration, Hanycz did just that. And the La Salle community took her call to action to heart. Whether they were participating in groundbreaking events that made history or carrying on long-held traditions that built upon it, Explorers exemplified the values of faith, service, and community in action.



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World Meeting Comes to Campus

The world's eyes watched Philadelphia this September as the City of Brotherly Love welcomed hundreds of thousands of guests for the world's largest gathering of Catholic families, and La Salle rose to the occasion. With co-sponsor PwC, the University hosted the first-ever Mayors Forum for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) on Sept. 23.

Mayors from across the country came together in Tom Gola Arena to discuss ways in which local govern-

ments can help strengthen and sustain families through public policy and advocacy. During his opening address Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, emphasized the strong link between the family and the city. "The future of families and the future of cities is only one future," he said.

Joining (from left) Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia, S.C., New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-

Blake, and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, President Hanycz and John J. DiIulio Jr., Ph.D., moderated the 90-minute panel discussion.

"La Salle (was) delighted to host the Mayors Forum, which aims to cultivate conversation around important topics such as this, and we (were) proud to welcome these leaders to our campus at 20th Street and Olney Avenue," she said.



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Alumni Prepare the World Stage

The La Salle community was also proud to welcome the world to our city, but it was no small feat. Churches, businesses, and organizations throughout the city coordinated for a year or longer, and many Explorers played key roles through all of it.

Pope Francis announced his visit in November 2014, but the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was gearing up for the WMOF long before that.

"We were probably preparing for a good two years in my office, between media interviews, getting credentials for staff around the world, and logistics here and there," said Stephanie (Salvatore) Brophy, '06, Associate Director of Communications for the Archdiocese.

Franz Fruehwald, '80, MBA '94, the Archdiocese's Chief Information Officer and his team helped build the

technical infrastructure the World Meeting of Families would need throughout the week of Sept. 22.

Marianna Greendlinger, MBA '15, (right) helped to organize seating and tickets for the entire event. "People from all over the world wrote us emails

and hand-written letters, and it was part of my job to make sure they all got documented and presented to the leadership cabinet for review," said Greendlinger, who joined the WMOF as a contractor in June.

Urban Trinity Film Debuts at La Salle

A week before Pope Francis's visit, La Salle hosted the debut screening of *Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia*, a three-part documentary, which explores how Catholic immigrants shaped Philadelphia's religious history.

Attendees recognized some familiar faces from La Salle in the film, which features Department of Religion Chair Maureen O'Connell, Ph.D., and faculty members Vivienne Angeles, Ph.D., and Margaret McGuinness, Ph.D., as contributing scholars.

"Catholic higher education today finds itself at a moment of significant change," President Hanycz said. "To forge La Salle's path into the future, we must first return to our roots and ensure that we never lose sight of our historic identity and place in the broader landscape, an identity that is intricately woven into the fabric of Catholicism in the City of Philadelphia."



Cardinal Tagle Receives Honorary Degree From La Salle

Days before delivering his keynote speech at the WMOF, Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle, D.D., S.T.D., addressed students and families at the Honors Convocation after receiving an honorary doctorate from the University.

President Hanycz noted that it's fitting for someone who has traveled

the globe to share a message of peace and hope to officially be called an Explorer.

Pope Francis recently appointed the Archbishop of Manila in the Philippines a member of the Pontifical *Cor Unum*, which manages the Church's charitable and humanitarian activities around the globe.

"(He) is a man of great faith, who has put that faith into action to be an ambassador for peace, justice, and hope around the world," said La Salle Trustee Brother Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., '74, M.A. '83, who sponsored the honorary degree and is Provincial/Visitor for the District of Eastern North America of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

On the other end of the city at the Independence Visitor Center, Digital Communications Manager Nicole Woods, '06, was busy with projects and promotions for Pope Francis's visit. "Although we weren't producing or profiting from the event, its historical nature warranted every department's full attention—and I was thrilled to be part of it," she said.

Covering History

While Pope Francis touched humanity in Philadelphia, La Salle communication alumni shared his impact with the entire world.

"Pope Francis may not have visited La Salle's campus, but La Salle was there," said NBC10 news reporter Matt DeLucia, '07, who covered Pope Francis's events both here in Philadelphia and in Washington, D.C.

"You've got this huge global event and every time you turn a corner,

whether it's on the news side or the public relations side, it's, 'Yeah, I went to La Salle, too!'," said Ken Gavin, '01, Director of Communication for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Gavin worked with Meg Kane, '03, Senior Vice President of Brian Communications, to receive the press corps and manage public relations for the entire WMOF Congress and Papal visit.

"There are 550 million people in North America, and there are only a handful who get to do what we were permitted to do, so it was really a privilege to be at the center of all that," Gavin said.

That Sunday, Vice President for Mission Br. Ernest Miller, F.S.C., D.Min., M.A. '95, brought La Salle to the world stage as a commentator for 6ABC's coverage of Pope Francis's address at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility. "It was a privilege

to be able to offer commentary on the social justice and pastoral themes the Pope is emphasizing in his papacy," Br. Ernest said.

FOX29 News Operations Manager Erik Smith, '96, coordinated the national and international coverage of Pope Francis's departure from Philadelphia International Airport. "I've never experienced such a powerful feeling of communal togetherness between people of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, and religions," he said. "It truly was overwhelming to be a part of it and to get to be at several of the events that the Holy Father attended."

Support from Behind the Scenes

Hosting the world in your city requires many hands to feed people, inform people, transport people, assist the impaired, and prepare for emergencies.

SEPTA had the amazing responsibility of helping more than 400,000 people travel in and out of Philadelphia during that weekend. Heather Redfern, '97, helped monitor SEPTA's command center to make sure no complications came up for riders. She's also SEPTA's Public Information Manager and began working in June to make sure visitors and residents had all the information they needed to travel during the weekend.

"It was basically all hands on deck for SEPTA," she said. "We had operators, engineers, and conductors, support staff and operation staff; we had ambassadors at all of the stations directing people, and we were watching in our command center to make sure everything was running smoothly."

Jennifer (Sears) Gutowski, MPH, '15, spent the weekend on call at the Philadelphia Department of Public

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Health to monitor and respond to any diseases or foodborne outbreaks.

La Salle English Professor Stephen Smith, Ph.D., and Nicole Sardella, '15, read audio descriptions for the blind during the Festival of Families and the Papal Mass.

Lynn Buono, '75, also had a big supporting role to play: feeding Pope Francis and Vice President Joe Biden, along with 500 guests and more than 150 support staff as the Pope prepared to leave Philadelphia that Sunday. She's the owner and Chief Commercial Officer of Feast Your Eyes Catering, who also catered a dinner for the mayor of Rome and fed volunteers during Pope Francis's other stops in Philly. "It was a job filled with exciting challenges, Secret Service sweeps, and security-approved, Pope-appropriate knives, and we couldn't have had more fun doing it," Buono said.

A Pilgrimage to the Papal Mass

Joined by CBS3 *Eyewitness News* reporter Vittoria Woodill, '09, Religion Chair Maureen O'Connell, Ph.D., led nearly 150 pilgrims from La Salle's Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes down Broad Street to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway for the Papal Mass. Among them were La Salle students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

Along the six-mile walk, the group stopped at several "shrines" that raised awareness of North Philadelphia's distinctive history, social justice issues, and the resilient spirit of faith. "In the Lasallian tradition, we walked through the city and attempted to understand the struggle of the surrounding community and how it relates to us," said sophomore Jacques Linder.

Students read reflections at each stop that encompassed Pope Francis's messages of multiculturalism, economic support, and love, and were embraced—literally and figuratively—by community members they met along the way.

"We embarked on a journey in which we were brought together as a Lasallian community that celebrates the plethora of diverse cultures and faith beliefs among us," said senior Mohamed Abdallah, who started the event with a traditional call to prayer in Islam. "Our Lasallian mission emphasizes inclusion and diversity, and that came to light as we embarked on our Papal Pilgrimage to witness this historical Papal Mass in Philadelphia."

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Visit lasalle.edu/magazine for more photographs and stories from Explorers who participated in this historic event.

La Salle Honors the Dalai Lama

His Holiness the Dalai Lama planned to visit Philadelphia in October to receive the Liberty Medal Award and lead a teaching at La Salle's Tom Gola Arena. However, physicians advised him to cancel his trip due to health concerns.

While the Dalai Lama unfortunately couldn't come to campus, La Salle made sure his message did, with a series of events about his teaching. One of the highlights, Tibetan monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in India spent days in La Salle's Art Museum crafting a Medicine Buddha sand mandala for the Dalai Lama's health. During the deconstruction ceremony on Oct. 27, the monks swept the mandala back into a pile of sand and distributed some to those in attendance, before taking the rest to the Schuylkill River.

"As the monks ritually distribute the sand of the mandala to members of the community and offer the remainder in a body of water, the idea is that its blessings go, symbolically, to the four corners of the earth," explained Julie Regan, Ph.D., assistant professor of religion.





...In the Holy Presence of God

Less than two weeks after Pope Francis presided over Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the La Salle community gathered in worship in that same hallowed space to celebrate the Inauguration Mass for President Hanycz on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Members of the La Salle family and the Hanycz family played important roles in the Mass. A number of La Salle students, including freshman Erik Hanycz, assisted as altar servers; Hanycz's daughters, Emily and Claire, presented the offertory gifts; and a representative from the faculty, staff, student body, and the Christian Brothers community joined the President on the altar to bless her and her Presidency.

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A personal guest and dear friend of President Hanycz, Monsignor Marco Laurencic made the trip all the way from Canada to attend the Inauguration Mass. Presiding over the Mass of Saint John Baptist de La Salle were six concelebrants with strong ties to the University: Graduate Religion Director Father Frank Berna, Ph.D.; Deacon Joseph A. Cilia Jr., '73, father of University Minister Laura Cilia; Monsignor Daniel Kutys, Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; La Salle Chaplain Father Richard Gross, S.J.; Master of Ceremonies Father Daniel Mackle, Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish in Center City and a friend of the Christian Brothers; Father Joseph Campellone, O.S.F.S., a friend of the University; and Father James J. Grogan Sr., M.A. '12.



Edward J. Fierko, '63, Vice Chair of La Salle's Board of Trustees, read the First Reading during the liturgy.



“Loving God, through your Spirit you gave the Church, in the person of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, a charism that even today inspires us to be educators. Inspire Dr. Hancz, together with all of us, to live it, safeguard it, deepen it, and develop it. With her, may you enliven all of us with holiness, awareness, sensitivity, and courage, similar to the gifts that animated and characterized Saint John Baptist de La Salle.”

—Prayer from the La Salle Community



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Before the Mass, the Hancz family—including the President’s mother, Kelly Olesen, who made the trip from Canada for this special occasion—visited the Mary Undoer of Knots Grotto outside the Basilica, which displayed more than 100,000 prayers written on strips of cloth. Visitors are encouraged to add their own knots or to undo a knot, symbolizing the release of pressure and burden on another person.

Just 11 days before, Pope Francis made an unscheduled stop at the same spot to bless the knots on the installation, which was created to honor his favorite painting and his devotion to Our Lady, the Undoer of Knots.



Lasallian Day of Service

Perhaps nothing embodies the Inauguration theme, Inspired by Faith, Dedicated to Service, United in Community, more fully than the Lasallian Day of Service, which kicked off Inauguration Week on Saturday, Oct. 3. La Salle Explorers near and far joined in service at more than 40 locations in the Philadelphia area and across the nation.

“We had close to 1,000 students, alumni, Christian Brothers, faculty, staff, Trustees, and neighbors roll up their sleeves to work on service projects across our local community and at various other destinations around the country, led by our alumni,” President Hanycz said “I can think of no better example of Lasallians coming together to ensure that we continue to be part of the solution to the challenges in our world.”

The President and her family were proud to volunteer their time with the La Salle community, helping out at West Catholic Preparatory High School for the day. Service projects ranged from cleaning up yards, schools, and neighbors’ basements to leading writing workshops, writing letters to veterans, and even canvassing to register voters. Some participants tutored schoolchildren at local community centers, while others served meals at local homeless shelters.

“Many of the projects involved working side by side with neighbors and partners; not just doing something for them. It was a day of service *with*—not for—our neighborhood and city, and that is Lasallian service at its best,” said Br. Robert Kinzler, F.S.C., ’77, Director of University Ministry and Service. “It is one of our key values that we take care of each other and that we stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized within society. That happens every day on this campus, but it was highlighted in a very meaningful way on Oct. 3.”

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To see your fellow Explorers in action, visit lasalle.edu/dayofservice to watch a highlight video from the Lasallian Day of Service. As St. John Baptist de La Salle said, “Example makes a much greater impression than words.”



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A Presidential Occasion

After a weeklong series of Inauguration events “Inspired by Faith, Dedicated to Service, United in Community,” Colleen M. Hanycz, Ph.D., was formally installed as La Salle’s 29th President on Friday, Oct. 9, in an elegantly decorated Tom Gola Arena.

The ceremony honored the institution’s rich Lasallian tradition and enlivened the crowd with excitement for the next chapter in the University’s 152-year history.

“Preparing for this day has provided us a fascinating glimpse into the history of occasions such as this and not only an understanding of the importance of tradition in academic life, but also the importance of the mission of the University and how leadership is so critical to the University at this stage in its history,” said Board

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“I know that Colleen is worthy of the great trust you have placed in her leadership as she has demonstrated that she truly appreciates the scholarly principles that have defined this renowned University: a resolute commitment to academic freedom; rigorous intellectual standards; an unrelenting search for truth,

meaning, and purpose; a passion for social justice; respect for all persons; and concern for the poor.”

—Terrence Downey, Ph.D., Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada and President of St. Thomas More College

Chair Steve Zarrilli, ’83. “The values we celebrate today are truly those needed by students as they prepare for their lives in the 21st century. We are all privileged to serve together in this great mission.”

Alumni representatives from the Classes of 1948–2015 and delegates from more than 45 colleges and universities joined La Salle’s faculty, administrators, Trustees, and distinguished guests in a vibrant procession, along with leaders in local government, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and higher education who also came to commemorate this historic occasion.

During the ceremony, President Hanycz received greetings and words of inspiration from several of these leaders, including The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Fitzgerald and

De La Salle Reception and Dinner

Some of the University's most generous benefactors gathered on Sunday, Oct. 4, to welcome President Hanycz and celebrate her Inauguration in a special way at the De La Salle Reception and Dinner in Treetops Café.

The event brought together some of La Salle University's greatest supporters and advocates, including Vince Anderson, '61, and his wife, Bonnie (pictured at right with the new President). Members of the De La Salle Society, the Andersons have made commitments to many of La Salle's initiatives, as well as establishing a scholarship endowment to benefit students in the School of Arts and Sciences and providing financial support for the construction of the new School of Business facility.



As ardent supporters of La Salle's strong liberal arts education and its Lasallian teaching charism, De La Salle Reception guests enjoyed the opportunity to speak with President Hanycz

about her continued commitment to the mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle and to offer their well wishes for her Presidency.

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Christopher Mominy from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Terrence Downey, Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada and President of St. Thomas More College; Don Francis, President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania; and Cindy Bass, councilwoman for Philadelphia's Eighth District.

As this was La Salle's first Inauguration of the 21st century, technology and social media channels helped Explorers across the country and around the globe share in the celebrations, even if they couldn't make it to campus. Many turned to local media coverage for highlights from this historic event, while others

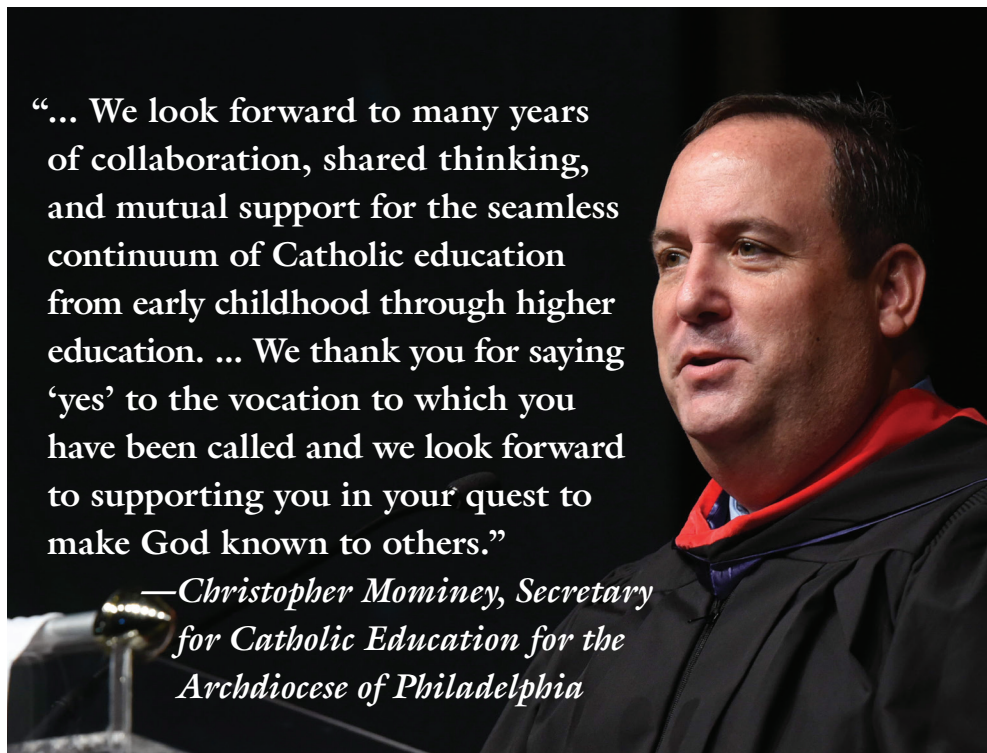


watched a livestream of the entire ceremony on the University's website. Smartphone photos, videos, well wishes, and congratulatory messages from near and far filled Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with the hashtags #WelcomeColleen and #PrezHanycz.



“... We look forward to many years of collaboration, shared thinking, and mutual support for the seamless continuum of Catholic education from early childhood through higher education. ... We thank you for saying ‘yes’ to the vocation to which you have been called and we look forward to supporting you in your quest to make God known to others.”

—*Christopher Mominey, Secretary for Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia*



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Local and Campus Community Gather for Symposium

Hosted on Monday, Oct. 5, “The City as a Classroom: Lasallian Higher Education in Philadelphia” enabled faculty, staff, and neighbors to engage in open dialogue about the University’s impact on Philadelphia and the rich educational opportunities the city provides La Salle students.

Vice President for Mission Brother Ernest Miller, F.S.C., D.Min., M.A. ’95, moderated the panel discussion, which included Huntly Collins, M.A., assistant professor of communication, Frances Kinder, Ph.D., R.N., CPNP, assistant professor of nursing, TiRease Holmes, Director of Off-campus and Commuter Communities, and Marianne Gauss, ’75, MBA ’87, assistant professor of management and leadership.



“The panel discussion was a springboard that compelled and encouraged community members to attend other opportunities to engage with the

University,” Holmes said. “It’s a beginning—it’s a good start and I look forward to more thoughtful conversation and interaction.”



“In a letter to his followers, St. John Baptist de La Salle wrote, ‘Do not forget to thank God for His many blessings.’ On behalf of my Dad, my brother Erik, and my sister Emily, I want to thank God for the blessing of my mom and for allowing us to share her with La Salle University. Mom, you have our support in all that you do to make this great school and community even greater.”

—Claire Hanycz, daughter of President Hanycz

Students Form Chevron to Commemorate Inauguration



More than 500 students gathered on McCarthy Field on Tuesday, Oct. 6, to show their Lasallian pride and celebrate President Hanycz’s Inauguration in a unique way. Wearing gold commemorative Inauguration T-shirts, the students formed a human chevron—the central element of La Salle’s logo.

A symbol of long and faithful service, the broken chevron has been used over the centuries by followers of St. John Baptist de La Salle to evoke his memory. La Salle’s shield and logo retain a single broken chevron to pay homage to the De La Salle family’s coat of arms, which portrays three such chevrons of gold on a field of blue.

Students also mingled with the President earlier in the day during dinner at Treetops Café and the Blue and Gold Dining Commons, in addition to coffee and conversation during the lunch hour at Connelly Library, where University Archives hosted a special exhibit about La Salle’s Presidential history.

our classrooms, on our playing fields, in our residence halls, and beyond our campus bounds.

“Together, we will build the vision for this University,” she said. “It is a vision of faith, of hope, of commitment to the future, and with service to our students and community at its very heart, and it will belong to all of us.”

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Representatives from all over the La Salle community presented calls to service and investiture to President Hanycz:

- Brothers of the Christian Schools—Br. Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., ’74, M.A. ’82, Provincial/Visitor of the District of Eastern North America
- Staff—Anna Melnyk Allen, ’80, Associate Dean of Students
- Faculty—Nancy Jones, Ph.D., President of the Faculty Senate
- Parents and Families—Karen Mallamaci, President of La Salle Parents and Families
- Alumni—AmyLynn Flood, ’95, President of the Alumni Association
- Students—Beckett Woodworth, Class of 2017, President of the Students’ Government Association
- Hanycz Family—Claire Hanycz, youngest daughter of the President



During the ceremony, Zarilli and Br. Dennis presented Hanycz with two enduring emblems of La Salle University—the University mace and Presidential medallion.

In her inaugural address, President Hanycz shared her commitment to the Lasallian mission and her belief that it must be an organizing principle for the University’s programming and curriculum that is evident in



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Alumni Association Awards Honor Binder and Bandura



(From left) President Colleen Hanycz, Ph.D., Signum Fidei honoree Steve Bandura, Finley Award recipient Gerry Binder, '73, and Alumni Association President AmyLynn Flood, '95, enjoyed a great night at the Alumni Association Awards Dinner on Nov. 13. That evening, La Salle recognized Binder with the John J. Finley, '24, Award, for his tireless volunteer work and support of the University, and presented Bandura with the Signum Fidei Medal for the Lasallian values he represents in his work with inner-city school children as Director of the Philadelphia Youth Organization.



Homecoming 2015 Brings Explorers #Back2LaSalle

More than 1,000 Explorers came #Back2LaSalle for Homecoming 2015 to revisit fond memories and reconnect with La Salle. Hosted by Alumni Relations, the weeklong celebration included something for everyone: awards ceremonies, lectures, campus tours, sporting events, networking opportunities, and, of course, the Homecoming Party, crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, and the sold-out men's basketball game vs. Towson.

"One of my favorite things about Homecoming is that it gives us the

Levick Receives La Salle's 2015 IT Leadership Award



On Nov. 12, La Salle presented this year's IT Leadership Award to Donald L. Levick, M.D., MBA, '78, (above, center) a practicing pediatrician and Chief Medical Information Officer for the Lehigh Valley Health Network. Provost Brian Goldstein, Ph.D., (left) and Margaret McCoey, '79, (right) Director of La Salle's Graduate Programs in Computer Information Science and IT Leadership, were proud to recognize his impact on information technology within the medical field.

UNITED IN COMMUNITY

opportunity to bring the entire La Salle community together to enjoy one another's company," said Candy Hagamin, '07, M.A. '11, Assistant Director of Class and Affinity Programs for La Salle Alumni Relations.

A new event this year, the Walk with the Women of La Salle Athletics brought together more than 300 walkers to promote the University's women's athletic programs, raise more than \$37,000 for all women's sports, and celebrate our female athletes and coaches.

Laughter echoed from the Homecoming tents where guests enjoyed a delicious meal, a packed dance floor, and some family-friendly fun. Later, cheers erupted in Tom Gola Arena when the Explorers earned a 78-76 Homecoming victory over the Towson Tigers. "That was one of the most gritty, hard-nosed wins that I've had in my career going back to 1989," Coach John Giannini said. "We fought and we didn't turn it over, and we're absolutely thrilled ... I'm really proud of our guys."

We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2016, but we'd love to catch up before then! Visit explorersconnect.lasalle.edu for more events and opportunities to stay connected with La Salle.



Night of the Shining Stars Celebrates Communication Alumni



During an elegant evening at the Franklin Institute on Nov. 6, La Salle's Communication Department and (above, from left) Communication Chair Lynne Texter, Ph.D. honored J. Mark Coulson, '85, Michael Garafolo, '02, and Margaret "Meg" Kane, '03, for their tremendous success in public relations, journalism, mass media, and the federal judicial system at the annual Night of the Shining Stars event.



White House Names BUSCA a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education

La Salle's Bilingual Undergraduate Studies for Collegiate Advancement (BUSCA) Program was named one of the country's Bright Spots in Hispanic Education by The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

"There has been notable progress in Hispanic educational achievement, and it is due to the efforts of these Bright Spots in Hispanic Education—programs and organizations working throughout the country to help Hispanic students reach their full potential," said Alejandra Ceja, Executive Director of the Initiative. La Salle's was the only higher education program from Pennsylvania included on the list of more than 230 programs that have been recognized for investing in key priorities for Hispanics.

Established in 1993 to provide a college education for Spanish speakers in the Philadelphia region, BUSCA has evolved into a five-semester associate's degree program designed to help Spanish-dominant students learn the necessary cognitive and language skills to succeed in mainstream classes. "Our faculty and staff have high expectations, but work extremely hard to make sure our students receive the extra attention and services that first-generation and English-language learners need to be successful," said Joanne Woods, Director of the BUSCA Program.

As a result of the academic rigor and personal attention from the University, the BUSCA Program graduation rate has consistently been above 52 percent, which is double the national average for Latinos earning associate's degrees at other private universities and triple the graduation rate for Latinos attending community colleges.

La Salle Climbs Five Spots in *U.S. News & World Report*

The 2016 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges" ranks La Salle University as one of the top 30 universities (26th overall) in the North Region, as well as one of the top 10 Catholic universities in this same category. Previously, La Salle was ranked 31st in the North Region, which covers 11 states in the Northeast and the District of Columbia.

"I am pleased that our University is once again listed among the top universities in the North Region. La Salle has a strong and compelling story and stands apart as a leading Catholic university, rooted in the tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools," said President Colleen Hanycz. "We are committed to offering our students a transformational educational experience that provides them with the tools to lead productively in their careers, at home, and in their communities."

[GRADY JOINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES]



This October, La Salle's Trustees welcomed John Grady, '89, to the Board. As President of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), Grady has been integral in changing the landscape of Philadelphia and is proud to have a strong family legacy at La Salle.

The Board also honored departing Trustees Susan M. Barrett, '94, John M. Daly, M.D., '69, Joseph A. Frick, Brother Richard Kestler, F.S.C., '65, and William J. Markmann, M.D., '70, for their years of dedicated service.

PECO Recognizes La Salle for Going Green

For years, La Salle has been hard at work to make its campus greener. Through a partnership with Siemens, the University has completed 13 upgrade projects over the past two years, which include installing energy-efficient lighting in Connelly Library, residence halls, and classroom buildings, and converting out-dated refrigeration and HVAC systems to newer, environmentally friendly models.

On Nov. 6, PECO recognized La Salle's environmental efforts by presenting President Colleen Hanycz, Ph.D., with a \$300,000 Smart Ideas rebate check.

"We are so pleased to be recognized by PECO for the many energy enhancements we've made on campus," Hanycz said. "Not only do they provide significant cost savings, they make us better environmental stewards. In fact, these energy upgrades specifically answer Pope Francis's call to address the pressing emergencies of climate change and environmental sustainability."



(From left) Cathleen Parsons-Nikolić, La Salle University's Vice President for Advancement; Ron Couser, Philadelphia 22nd Ward Leader; Art Haywood, Pennsylvania State Senator; Cindy Bass, Philadelphia Councilwoman; Craig Adams, PECO President; and Colleen Hanycz, La Salle President, celebrate La Salle's energy efficiency efforts.

Thanks to the recent campus improvements, the University will reduce its energy consumption by more 3.3 million kilowatt hours. According to PECO Communications

Manager Ben Armstrong, that has the same environmental impact as removing 300 vehicles from the road or planting nearly 3,500 trees each year.

American Originals on Display

Featuring about 25 drawings, water-colors, and pastels by a range of American artists from the 18th through the 20th centuries, La Salle University Art Museum's winter exhibition, *American Originals: Works on Paper from the Permanent Collection*, will be on view from Dec. 16, 2015 through March 4, 2016.

Co-curated by Assistant Professor of Art History Catherine Holochwost, Ph.D., *American Originals* draws upon the strengths of the Art Museum's collection, with holdings that illuminate the rich art history of the Philadelphia region and the role of prominent art schools such as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Philadelphia Museum School of Art (now the University of the Arts).

The exhibition underscores the historical importance of life drawing in the

19th century, the evolving opportunities for women and minority artists, and the role of American art within the transatlantic artistic currents of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. It also addresses issues of identity and difference across time, the importance of artistic imagination, and the interest in defining American qualities of American art.

For further information on the exhibition and the Art Museum, call 215.951.1221 or visit lasalle.edu/museum.

Violet Oakley (1874–1961), Study for The Rising of Dorcas by Saint Peter, c. 1946, Charcoal with white heightening on toned paper. Preparatory drawing for "Great Woman of the Bible" murals at the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. Collection of La Salle University Art Museum. Gift of the Violet Oakley Memorial Foundation.



INSIDE LASALLIAN BUSINESS

Exciting New Possibilities for Career Services

In just a few short weeks, faculty, staff, and students in the School of Business will settle into their new space on the corner of Wister Street and Chew Avenue. The newly finished 87,000-square-foot building will welcome about 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students for approximately 125 business courses each semester.

But the new building will also attract additional foot traffic from students of all disciplines as it will provide a new home for Career Services, which will be moving

to West Campus from its current location in the Lawrence Administration Building.

"Employers need to know that our students are ready for the future, and if those employers walk into a building where the future already exists, that gives La Salle and our students more opportunities to shine," said Associate Dean of Students Anna Melnyk Allen, '80.

Equipped with the latest technology and video conferencing capabilities, the enhanced facilities will enable Career Services to host proactive and targeted

programming, mock interviews with staff and faculty to prepare students for interviews with potential employers, and tutorials in online interviewing for students from all disciplines. "We're also going to be looking for more opportunities to collaborate on career-focused activities that are already happening in academic departments throughout the University, to support the strong programming some departments have, and to supplement those who need more assistance," Allen said.

Fun at Family Weekend 2015

As always, this year's Family Weekend in September gave students and their families a chance to make themselves at home on La Salle's campus and in the City of Brotherly Love. Warm, sunny weather offered the perfect background for an enjoyable open-air trolley ride throughout the city and a spectacular afternoon at the nation's oldest zoo.

With a welcome feast at Treetops Café, impressive collections on view at the La Salle University's Art Museum, and a wide array of games and activities at Carnifall, families found plenty to explore right on campus. The whole Hanycz family joined in the Carnifall fun and gathered in worship at the De La Salle Chapel for Family Weekend Liturgy. La Salle Parent and President Colleen Hanycz, Ph.D., hosted dinner in the Ballroom and stopped by each table to say hello to students and their families.



LA SALLE HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- **Green Tree Community Health Foundation:** \$15,000 for the Mature Health Connections Program of the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center
- **Image First Uniform Rental Services, Inc.:** \$15,000 for the Writers Matter Program in Philadelphia
- **Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association:** \$13,000 for the Nursing at the Backstretch Program of the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center
- **PTS Foundation:** \$105,000 for the Writers Matter Program and Leadership and Global Understanding Program
- **Tyler Aaron Bookman Memorial Foundation:** \$10,000 for the Writers Matter Program in Israel and Palestine



Can You Spot Your Favorite Retired Faculty or Staff Member?



Retired faculty and staff members and their guests returned to campus for a luncheon in the Holroyd Atrium with former colleagues. An annual tradition started by Thomas McCarthy, Ph.D., and the late Charles Halpin, '43, the luncheon has been giving retirees a chance to reconnect and reminisce since 2004. You may recognize a few of these familiar faces:

1. Thomas McCarthy, Ph.D., psychology 2. Patricia Boni, Ph.D., foreign languages 3. Rita Mall, Ph.D., foreign languages 4. Connie O'Grady (wife of Joseph O'Grady, Ph.D.) 5. Joseph O'Grady, Ph.D., history 6. Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., Ph.D., English 7. Paul V. McNabb, '75, Business Office 8. Helen Grady (widow of John Grady, Ph.D., Director of the Honors Program) 9. Mary Jane MacLeod (wife of Sid MacLeod, Ph.D.) 10. Sid MacLeod, Ph.D., communication 11. John J. Sweeder, Ed.D., '71, education 12. Hugh Thomas, Director of Facilities 13. Angela Duffy (wife of John Duffy) 14. John Duffy, Ph.D., '59, economics 15. Geoffrey Kelly, Ph.D., '54, religion 16. James Butler, Ph.D., '67, English 17. Mary Ann Kerlin (widow of Michael Kerlin, Ph.D., '57, MBA '88, philosophy) 18. David George, Ph.D., economics 19. John Rooney, '46, Ph.D., psychology 20. Patricia Bruce (wife of Greg Bruce) 21. Greg Bruce, MBA '81, dean emeritus of the School of Business 22. Ray Ricci, '66, Vice President for Enrollment Services and Director of Mission Integration 23. Cathy Ricci, '94, Provost's Office (wife of Ray Ricci) 24. Gerald Johnson, '65, Assistant Provost 25. Susan Wiley (wife of Samuel Wiley) 26. Samuel Wiley, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science 27. Peggy Seydow (wife of Jack Seydow) 28. Jack Seydow, Ph.D., '65, English 29. Norbert Belzer, '69, Ph.D., biology 30. Charles Hoffman, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science 31. David Efrogmson, Ph.D., religion 32. Jack Smith, '57, Ed.D., psychology

1952 Saul B. Eskin (B.A.) of Fresno, Calif., has enjoyed a career as a paint and print artist for the past 29 years.

1956 ★ REUNION YEAR

1959 Brother Dominic A. Berardelli, F.S.C. (B.A., M.A. '60) of Moraga, Calif., is celebrating 60 years as a Brother of the Christian Schools.

Michael J. Proctor (B.A.) of Colorado Springs, Colo., is celebrating 56 years of marriage to his wife, Bernice C. (Shea) Proctor.

1961 ★ REUNION YEAR

1963 Louis D. Seymour (B.S.) of Cinnaminson, N.J., celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Margaret T. (Huml) Seymour, on Sept. 24, 2015.

1964 Joseph P. Batory (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of School Administrators for his efforts on behalf of schools and his advocacy of the rights of children.

1965 Charles A. Pizagno III (B.S.) of New Hope, Pa., celebrated 50 years of marriage with his wife, Dolores Marie Dopkin.

1966 ★ REUNION YEAR Gabe Horchler (B.A.) of Cheverly, Md., was interviewed for the Law Librarians of Congress' *In Custodia Legis* blog about his 48-year career with the Library of Congress. He is section head of the Law Section of Library Services' Acquisitions

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Luddy Named AACSB 100 Influential Leader



The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) recognized Robert L. Luddy, '68, in its inaugural class of AACSB 100 Influential Leaders as one of the top 100 business school alumni whose ideas and actions make a positive impact on society. La Salle University President Colleen M. Hanycz, Ph.D., along with Board of Trustees, presented Luddy with the honor at the Board meeting in October.

Other notable business leaders recognized by AACSB include Colin Powell, former United States Secretary of State; the late Sam Walton, founder of Walmart and Sam's Club; Jeffrey Clarke, Chief Executive Officer of Eastman Kodak; and Carolyn Woo, President of Catholic Relief Services, among others.

President of Raleigh, N.C.-based CaptiveAire Systems, the nation's leading manufacturer of commercial kitchen ventilation systems, Luddy is also a strong advocate of education and founder of Franklin Academy, St. Thomas More Academy, and Thales Academy in North Carolina. His support of the La Salle Center for Entrepreneurship and his leadership commitment to the School of Business have greatly helped to strengthen business education at La Salle University.

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Joseph L. Velten Jr. (B.A.) of Warminster, Pa., is entering his 50th year teaching English at Archbishop Wood High School.

1969 Norman H. Rappaport, DDS, M.D. (B.S.) of Houston, Texas, was elected to a three-year term as Trustee for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Inc., the largest plastic surgery specialty organization in the world.

1970 Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq. (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., was elected President of the National Organization of Bar Council.

James F. Naegeli (B.A.) of Canton, Ohio, retired from Canton Central Catholic High School after 44 years as a theology teacher, 25 years as soccer coach, and 24 years as campus minister.

Robert F. Shea (B.A.) of Dallas, Texas, is a senior adviser at The Pacific Institute and has expanded his firm to Australia and Singapore.

1971 ★ REUNION YEAR Thomas Coyne (B.A.) of Hatfield, Pa., retired from Drexel University after a career in higher education that spanned more than 35 years at various institutions, including La Salle, Temple, and Thomas Jefferson.

Dominic A. Jacquinto (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., retired from the Philadelphia Courts after 40 years of dedicated service.

1972 Michael J. Dunn Jr. (B.S.) of Morristown, N.J., retired from his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Suburban Propane Partners, LP, in Whippany, N.J.

Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley, O.P., Ph.D. (B.A.) of Westport, Mass., retired after 30 years of

teaching at Providence College in Providence, R.I. He remains the pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church in Westport, Mass.

Roman O. Nowakiwsky (B.S.) of Firestone, Colo., and his wife, **Olha Nowakiwsky (B.S., '77)**, both retired in September 2015.

1973 William J. Meis, D.O. (B.A.) of Erdenheim, Pa., was honored with the 2014–15 Clinical Teacher of the Year Award and 2015 Dean's Appreciation Award for Service by the Department of Surgery—Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1976 ★ REUNION YEAR Ronald M. Fonock (B.A.) of Phoenixville, Pa., retired after 39 years of services as Chief of Police in Upper Merion Township, Pa.

1977 Olha Nowakiwsky (B.S.) of Firestone, Colo., and her husband, **Roman O. Nowakiwsky (B.S., '72)**, both retired in September 2015.

1978 Edward J. Kane (B.A.) of Gordonville, Pa., is still teaching statistics at Eastern Mennonite University's Lancaster campus and bicycling 2,000-plus miles per year.

1979 Richard L. Davis, T.O.R. (M.A.) of Loretto, Pa., was elected Minister Provincial of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Loretto.

1980 Russell A. Spruance (B.A.) of Pittsboro, N.C., retired as a special agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement after 32 years of service in federal law enforcement.

1981 ★ REUNION YEAR Marlene M. Goebig (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., received the 2015 Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. She recently earned a doctorate degree in educational leadership from Walden University and teaches theater at the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts.

1982 Michele G. Morgera, Esq. (B.A.) of Mount Laurel, N.J., a 26-year veteran of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, recently joined the Haddonfield, N.J., office of law firm Greenblatt, Pierce, Engle, Funt, and Flores, LLC.



Answering an Unexpected Call



Father James J. Grogan Sr., M.A. '12, calls his journey to ordination "a little bit unusual." Priesthood hasn't been his only vocation. Before becoming a priest, he was called to be a husband, a father to three sons, and a deacon at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Moorestown, N.J.

But everything changed in 2007 when Ellie, his wife of 25 years, lost her battle to ovarian cancer. Her passing left him wondering, "What's next?" They had made retirement plans to travel and spend time at their vacation home at the Jersey shore, but none of that seemed appealing without his wife by his side.

"Having received the Sacrament of Holy Orders through the ordination to the diaconate, it was not an option to consider getting married again," he said. His sons noticed that he seemed happiest when serving the Church. Thus began his path to the priesthood, with his pastor's support.

While Fr. Jim's calling was new, the idea of priesthood wasn't—two of his uncles and his brother served as priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. "I was very blessed to grow up in a family where the priesthood was not a foreign idea, it was not a different thing," he said. "As kids growing up, we went in and out of rectories. They weren't scary places where you needed to get paperwork—it was where your uncle lived and hung out."

Fr. Jim calls his time at La Salle a discernment journey: "It was to see what do I need to know, what can I learn toward the idea of very simply being a parish priest?" He felt La Salle was the best fit because of the Religion Department's concentration in Pastoral Care; he said it was the only local program that didn't exclusively focus on the academic side of theology.

He also found a mentor in Father Francis Berna, Ph.D., Director of the Graduate Religion Program in Theology and Ministry. "Fr. Frank knew I was there to figure out whether I was being called to be a parish priest, which is a pretty unique journey," he said. "He was able to be an adviser to me through that, and I think that became one of the key takeaways from the program, more than any course. The depth of conversation about the journey I was on, that really was part of the discernment."

Fr. Jim was ordained on June 6, 2015 and serves as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel—the same parish where he raised his sons for 30 years. "There's an interesting sort of comfort level from familiarity with the people, the neighborhoods, and I'm very blessed that I am the associate here," he said. "Working with parishioners in celebration of the sacraments, offering spiritual direction when they come in to talk about it, really is a joy."

—Rebekah Henson



Katy Horsman, '05, and Jim Roshannon were married on Aug. 22, 2015, and many La Salle friends and Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters joined in the celebration. 1. Erin Musser, '06 2. Amber (Gruver) Mercado, '06 3. Krystin Thomas, '05 4. Michelle Bauer, '06 5. Katy (Horsman) Roshannon, '05 (bride) 6. Pat McLaughlin, '06 7. Cara Rogers, '06 8. Megan (Huffnagle) Fleming, '08 9. Nick Gogno, '05 10. Amanda Tarczynski, '05 11. Lia (Filetto) McGinnis, '05 12. Stefanie Perrone, '05 13. Kristina (Barone) Fung, '05 14. Lauren (Reilly) Eisenmann, '04 15. Lauren (Downey) Donofrio, '05 16. Kyle Dimmerling, '03 17. Alexandra (Trignani) McGinn, '06 18. Jamie Gross, '06 19. Lisa (Voight) Baldwin, '05 20. Danielle (Oberdick) Udinson, '06 21. Katie McNamara, '06 22. Kate (Caselotti) Rodgers, '06 23. Michelle (Doyka) Sanna, '03 24. Colleen Mullarkey, '06 25. Bill Paris, '05 26. Rogue groomsmen/photo bomber 27. Tom Rodgers, '06 28. Shane Donnelly, '06

1983 Janice M. Beitz Ph.D., R.N. (BSN) of Cherry Hill, N.J., was inducted into the Academy of Nursing Education Fellows of the National League for Nursing in Las Vegas, Nev., in October 2015.

Steve L. Davis, M.D. (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., was interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal* about his plastic surgery career and tennis and boxing training.

Lou V. Eccleston (MBA) of Princeton Junction, N.J., is the Chief Executive Officer of TMX Group and was featured in *Waters* magazine, a publication covering the business and technology issues of the Buy-Side Technology and Sell-Side Technology brands and their respective markets.

1984 Susan Croushore (MBA) of Wildwood, N.J., is the President and Chief Executive

Officer of Mercy Health System of South-eastern Pennsylvania.

Dennis T. Owens (B.A.) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., received the Edward R. Murrow Award for investigative reporting on the influence of lobbyists in the state Capitol.

1986 ★ REUNION YEAR

1987 Steve K. Degnan (B.S.) of Wildwood, Mo., was elected Chairman of the Starkloff Disability Institute Board of Directors.

1990 Stephen G. Hart (B.S.) of Willow Grove, Pa., was promoted to vice president in the Human Resources Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Hart is also president of the Pennsylvania/Delaware/New Jersey Distance Learning Association and an adjunct professor at La Salle.

1991 ★ REUNION YEAR Eugene J. Halus Jr., Ph.D. (B.A.) of Schwenksville, Pa., was appointed Director of Education Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge.



LASALLE ALUMNI RECOGNIZED AS POWER PLAYERS IN SOUTH JERSEY

South Jersey Biz magazine recently published its first-ever "Power Players" list of outstanding leaders in the region. Two La Salle alums were among the 50 most influential business men and women in South Jersey the magazine recognized:

- **Joseph W. Devine, '79, of Sewell, N.J.,** President and Chief Executive Officer of Kennedy Health System.
- **Pamela M. (Doody) Cyr, CPA, '89, of Mount Laurel, N.J.,** Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer for Beneficial Bank.

Eric R. Toppy (B.A.) of Robinsville, N.J., is the Chief Commercial Officer at ETHOS Health Communications and was featured in *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "People on the Move" column in May 2015.

1993 Francis J. Shammo, CPA (MBA) of Branchburg, N.J., was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Unum Group, a provider of financial protection benefits in the United States and the United Kingdom. Shammo is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Communications, Inc.



1995 Valerie J. Batezel, Ph.D., DNP (MSN) of Yardley, Pa., received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Wilkes University in January 2015.

1996 ★ REUNION YEAR

1997 Diana A. (Portillo) Sisum (B.A.) of Chester Springs, Pa., and her husband, **Troy D. Sisum, Esq. (B.A. '98)**, welcomed their second son, Owen Christopher, in March 2015.

1998 Thomas A. Mulligan (B.A.) of Conshohocken, Pa., was named Inquirer Coach of the Year in South Jersey girls'

In Memoriam: Linda J. Elliott

Linda J. Elliott, a former professor and Chair of the Math and Computer Science Department, passed away on Oct. 19, 2015, at Boca Raton Regional Hospital in Florida, after battling with central nervous system lymphoma. She was 66.

A native of Wisconsin, Elliott earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in African educational systems, and another from the University of Oregon in computer science. In 1982, she joined the faculty at La Salle, where she remained her entire teaching career.

Her extensive office hours, informal lecturing methods, and constant willingness to help made her a favorite among students. Elliott became Chair of the Math and Computer Science Department in 1998 and held that position until she retired in June 2008 and moved to Florida.

She is survived by her son, Zachary Elliott; her father, Harold, and brother H. John Huberty; her sister, Mary Te Stroete; her aunt Marion (Huberty) McDonough; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



basketball. Mulligan is coach of the Haddon Township Hawks' basketball team.

Troy D. Sisum, Esq. (B.A.) of Chester Springs, Pa., and his wife, **Diana A. (Portillo) Sisum (B.A. '97)**, welcomed their second son, Owen Christopher, in March 2015.

1999 Michael J. Borda, Ph.D. (B.A.), of West Deptford, N.J., recently joined the University of Pennsylvania as the Director of Research Initiatives in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Borda was previously a Partner and Senior Consultant at Golder Associates, Inc.



Sam Fran Scavuzzo, '09, married Hannah C. Datz, '10, a member of La Salle's Board of Trustees, on July 11, 2015. More than 50 Explorers were in attendance, including many former members of The Collegian staff, The Masque, and the Improv 101 troupe.

In Memoriam

1942 Ludwig M. Frank, M.D. (B.A.) of South Lyme, Conn., on May 15, 2015.

1949 John D. Bernetich (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., on April 20, 2015.

1950 Frank J. Linardo (B.A.) of Mays Landing, N.J., on March 1, 2015.

Walter E. Wosewick (B.S.) of Richboro, Pa., on April 24, 2015.

1951 Francis P. DeMarco (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Feb. 7, 2015.

Frederick C. Geary (B.S.) of Fort Myers, Fla., on Aug. 31, 2015.

1952 George H. Kettell (B.A.) of Honey Brook, Pa., on May 5, 2015.

Charles B. Kohl (B.S.) of Clayton, N.J., on May 3, 2015.

1954 Robert E. Querubin (B.A.) of Safety Harbor, Fla., on May 30, 2015.

1955 Joseph M. Mulroy (B.S.) of Burke, Va., on Dec. 7, 2014.

1956 Thomas F. McGowan Jr. (B.S.) of Lafayette Hills, Pa., on June 14, 2015.

1958 John T. Koegler (B.S.) of Radnor, Pa., and Beach Haven, N.J., on Feb. 23, 2015.

Joseph A. Margre (B.S.) of Voorhees, N.J., on March 26, 2015.

1959 LaMar A. Dotter (B.A.) of Glen Allen, Pa., on Aug. 8, 2015.

Joseph Aloysius McGehrin Sr. (B.S.) of Woodbury, N.J., on Feb. 1, 2015.

1960 Robert J. Rosemery (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 28, 2015.

1963 Maurice K. Bennett (B.S., MBA '88) of Langhorne, Pa., on June 18, 2015.

John M. Costa (B.S.) of Perkasié, Pa., on Aug. 22, 2015.

John E. Geraghty (B.A.) of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on Aug. 6, 2015.

Edwin E. Harbaugh (B.S.) of Warminster, Pa., on Apr. 7, 2015.

1964 Gerald A. Harley (B.S.) of Broomfield, Colo., on Sept. 10, 2015.

1965 Edward R. Alkins (B.S.) of Lilburn, Ga., on March 8, 2015.

John J. Connor Jr. (B.A.) of Portland, Ore., on May 6, 2015.

1967 John J. O'Brien, Esq. (B.A.) of Wilmington, Del., on March 16, 2015.

1969 Walter J. Boyko, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Southampton, Pa., on Aug. 6, 2015.

1970 John E. Midgett Jr. (B.S.) of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., on June 30, 2015.

1971 Richard F. Bingham (B.A.) of Cranberry Township, Pa., on Feb. 15, 2015.

Robert E. Hardenburg (B.S.) of Hendersonville, N.C., on Apr. 10, 2015.

1973 Raymond J. Regan (B.A.) of Warminster, Pa., on Aug. 3, 2015.

Thomas J. O'Donnell (B.A.) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., on July 19, 2015.

1997 Mary R. Pitts-Devine (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 10, 2015.

2012 Axl A. Charowsky (B.S.) of Townsend, Del., on Apr. 26, 2015.

Kevin Gianfortune, '07, married Elizabeth Nicastro on June 27, 2015, at the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate in Winterthur, Del., with many La Salle alums in attendance. Back row: Kevin Forik, '07, Bill Smart, '07, Kevin Gianfortune, '07 (groom), Drew Silich, '07, Anthony Machamer, '07, Colleen Kane, '07, Meg (Gaffney) Silich, '07, and Frank Feola, '07. Front row: Trish Carney, '07, Janine (Stevens) Monico, '07, and Jen (Mattioli) Forik, '07.



Angela M. Smith (B.A., M.A. '09) of Cherry Hill, N.J., was named Vice President of Events and Sales at Billy Penn, a mobile-first platform designed to connect citizens to relevant news and information about Philadelphia.

2001 ★ REUNION YEAR Albert J. Corr (MBA) of Bensalem, Pa., was named Senior Vice President of Endurance Real Estate Group, a real estate investment and development firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Dave G. Greer (B.A.) of Matawan, N.J., is State Supervisor of World Languages at the New Jersey Department of Education and earned his Doctorate of Education from Rutgers University.

Elizabeth L. (Dierking) McAtee (B.A.) of Center Valley, Pa., married **Patrick J. McAtee (B.A. '03)**.

Victor M. Pomales (BSW) of Philadelphia, Pa., was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on June 6, 2015.

2003 James R. Gilbert (B.S.) of Hoboken, N.J., is engaged to Nicole Hogan. They're planning an Oct. 15, 2016 wedding in Key Largo, Fla.

Patrick J. McAtee (B.A.) of Center Valley, Pa., married **Elizabeth L. (Dierking) McAtee (B.A. '01)**.

Ricky A. Palladino, Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., and his wife welcomed a daughter, Gia Marie, on July 14, 2015.

Sara McClafferty Torres (B.A.) of Yucatan, Mexico, and her husband, Johnny, welcomed a son, Daniel Grey, on July 21.

2004 Dennis Feltwell (M.A.) of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and his wife, Christine, welcomed their third child, Isaac Nicholas, on April 13, 2015.

Paris L. McLean (B.A.) of Bordentown, N.J., became the Head of Lower School at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, N.J., after a decade of service at Princeton Day School.

2005 Aymee Davis (B.A.) and **Ricardo Johnson (B.A. '07)**, welcomed a daughter, Zadie Rae, on Dec. 1, 2014.

2006 ★ REUNION YEAR Catrina Louise Vitagliano, Psy.D. (B.A., MACP '09, Psy.D. '11) of Philadelphia, Pa., joined La Salle's Graduate Psychology Department as an assistant professor.

Shane Donnelly (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., has been recognized by the Society of Wine Educators as a Certified Specialist of Wine and by the French Wine Society as a French Wine Scholar.

2007 Ricardo Johnson (B.A.) and **Aymee Davis (B.A. '05)** welcomed a daughter, Zadie Rae, on Dec. 1, 2014.

2008 Megan L. (Rowen) Nolan (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., and her husband, Tim, welcomed a daughter, Hailey Elizabeth, on April 20, 2015.

2009 Emily Brennan (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., married Rory Lucey on Aug. 1, 2015.

Colleen P. Green (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., married **Dennis E. Sheahan (B.S.)** on June 19, 2015.

2011 ★ REUNION YEAR

2012 Queen C. Muse (B.A., M.A. '14) of Philadelphia, Pa., recently joined the Office of Institutional Advancement as a writer at Thomas Jefferson University and Health.

Vinny C. Vella (B.A.) of Kresgeville, Pa., was honored at The Dow Jones News Fund's first-ever Alumni Awards Reception on Oct. 9 in New York City. Vella, a former editor-in-chief of *The Collegian*, and five others who had participated in News Fund college internships received a 2015 Alumni Award from the organization.

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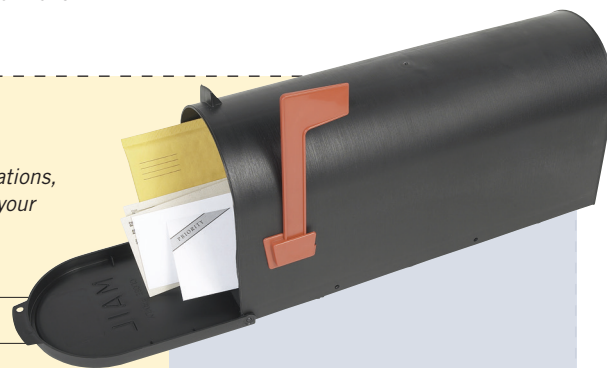
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